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NSC FOR E. MILLARD

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SUBJECT: Minister Moragoda reviews upcoming visit to Washington in meeting with the Ambassador
Refs: (A) State 348254
- (B) State 348253 - (C) Colombo 2179, and previous

(U) Classified by Ambassador Jeffrey J. Lunstead. Reasons 1.5 (b, d).

1. (C) SUMMARY: Milinda Moragoda told Ambassador December 26 that he is going to Washington to: -- make sure it is understood the PM is not Moragoda also said that Indian High Commissioner is trying to sell a compromise under which regional commands would be carved out of the Defense

Indians at Work

2. (C) Milinda Moragoda, key advisor to the Prime Minister, came to see the Ambassador evening of December 26 to preview his upcoming visit to

Co-Chairs Meeting?

3. (C) Milinda said that he had three purposes for his Washington trip and meeting with the Deputy Secretary. He wanted to convey:
-- First, the PM's desire that the international community understand that it was the President who had caused this crisis and her obstinacy wh
-- Second, that the international community needed to put pressure on the President.
-- Third, that the PM believed a high-level Co-Chairs meeting at the end of January would help to apply such pressure and also be a useful oppo
Ambassador said that we understood clearly that the President had caused the crisis, but that our public statements had to be relatively even-h

4. (C) With regard to the proposed high-level Co-Chairs meeting, Moragoda said that the end of January might be a good time, as it would allc

What Does the President Want?

5. (C) Ambassador and Milinda reviewed briefly the sequence of events leading to the current impasse. Ambassador said again that we recognize

How About Elections?

6. (C) Milinda said the PM was still thinking about trying to force the President to dissolve Parliament and go for new elections. The PM wc

On to Oslo

7. (C) Milinda said that he would travel to Oslo after Washington to meet with the Norwegian facilitators. He did not plan to travel to Brus

Ambassador's Comment

8. (C) There are essentially three options at this time:
(1) continued drift (2) elections (3) compromise.

The first two are not acceptable, leaving us with only compromise. I believe that Milinda needs to get a tough love message to bring back to t

9. (U) Minimize considered.

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